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SUBJ: L'ESSOR INTERPRETS SCHLESINGER'S REMARKS ON MID-EAST

1. GOM DAILY L'ESSOR EDITION OF JANUARY 8 CARRIED EXCERPTS OF DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S SUNDAY TV INTERVIEW UNDER HEADLINE "WILL THE UNITED STATES ATTACK OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES?" L'ESSOR INTRODUCES STORY, WHICH APPEARS ESSENTIALLY CORRECT WHEN COMPARED WITH WIRELESS FILE ITEM ON SAME SUBJECT, WITH BRIEF EDITORIAL ON WHAT IT CALLS "SCHLESINGER'S WARNING TO ARAB COUNTRIES." PAPER GOES ON TO SAY THAT THIS THINLY VEILED WARNING HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED BY ARABS WHO ARE UNWILLING TO GIVE UP THEIR RAW MATERIALS, NOTING THAT "AMERICAN LEADERS HAVE A PECULIAR NOTION OF THIS CONCEPT."

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THIS REACTION IS RELATIVELY MILD, BELIEVE IT IS ACCURATE BAROMETER OF INFORMED MALIAN OPINION WHICH BELIEVES U.S. IS IN SUCH DESPERATE STRAIGHTS THAT WE READY TAKE ANY AND ALL MEASURES TO SECURE ADEQUATE OIL SUPPLIES. BELIEVE IT IN U.S. INTEREST TO AVOID AMBIGUOUS STATEMENTS WHICH COULD BE MISINTERPRETED BY FOREIGN PRESS AND FOREIGN GOVTS PUTTING U.S. IN UNFAVORABLE LIGHT. WHAT WOULD BE HELPFUL ARE STATEMENTS
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POINTING OUT EFFECTS OF ARAB OIL EMBARGO AND PRICE

INCREASES ON THIRD WORLD. FOR EXAMPLE, L'ESSOR ALSO
CARRIED NEW PRICE SCHEDULE FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS WHICH
HAVE INCREASED BY OVER 20 PERCENT IN TWO MONTHS.
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